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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS STATEMENT BY NETHERLANDS
REP QUARLES

REFS: A. VIENNA 3142 B. VIENNA 3141

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT QUARLES STATEMENT OVEREMPHASIZES
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NUCLEAR ASPECTS AND IN PARTICULAR APPEARS TO IDENTIFY

PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AS A MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF MBFR. WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD RECAST IN MANNER MORE CONSISTENT WITH BASIC ALLIED POSITION IN ORDER TO AVOID FOCUSING PUBLIC DEBATE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. FURTHER, PARA 19 IMPLIES ANOTHER MAJOR AIM OF MBFR IS TO ELIMINATE AN IMMINENT RISK OF WAR IN CENTRAL EUROPE.

2. SPECIFIC COMMENTS FOLLOW: AMEND PARA 9 (SECOND MAIN ISSUE DIVIDING EAST AND WEST) AND 18 TO POSE QUESTION IN TERMS OF WHAT FORCES SHOULD BE REDUCED RATHER THAN DANGERS OF ESCALATION. YOU MAY WISH TO ADD ANOTHER PARAGRAPH (PARA 18 BIS) REHEARSING EARLIER ARGUMENTATION FOR EMPHASIS ON GROUND FORCES, E.G., LARGEST NUMBERS, INVESTMENT OF RESOURCES, ELEMENTS WHICH CAN SEIZE AND HOLD TERRITORY, MOST POLITICALLY SIGNIFICANT, ETC.

3. PARAGRAPHS 19, 20, AND 21 MIGHT BE SCALED DOWN IN ORDER TO PUT DANGERS OF ESCALATION AND RISK OF CONFLICT INTO PERSPECTIVE ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER DANGERS TO STABILITY.

4. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PEGGED TO CONTINGENCY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (VIENNA 3141)

A. QUESTION 11. RECOMMEND YOU DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF PROPOSED ANSWER ON GROUNDS THAT IT IMPLIES STABILIZING MEASURES WILL BE PUT FORWARD ONLY AFTER AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON REDUCTION PACKAGE.

B. QUESTION 18. DELETE MIDDLE SENTENCE OF PROPOSED REPLY.

C. QUESTION 23. RECOMMEND AGAIN THAT FINAL SENTENCE OF ANSWER BE DELETED. WE REMAIN ANXIOUS TO AVOID LINKAGE BETWEEN CBMS IN CSCE AND MBFR ISSUES.

D. QUESTION 29. DELETE FIRST SENTENCE OF REPLY WHICH WE FEEL VIOLATES TO SOME EXTENT RULE OF CONFIDENTIALITY TO WHICH WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE. IF ASKED WHETHER EAST HAS ACTUALLY MADE SUCH A PROPOSAL, PREFERABLE REPLY WOULD BE QUOTE IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR ME TO REVEAL THE DETAILS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE WHICH APPEARS IN ANSWER TO QUESTION 9. RUSH

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